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From the Whitehall Evening post, May 18.

Hague, May 23.

WE shall not know the Emperor's Answer to the eight Articles propoſed to him as the laſt Reſolution of the Allies of Hanover, till after the Return of an Expreſs ſent to Madrid from Vienna, to learn the Sentiments of the King of Spain; which cannot be till towards the Cloſe of this preſent Month. The Duke de Richlieu preſſed for a ſpeedier Reſolution; but was told by the Imperial Miniſters, That he gave himſelf needleſs Trouble, for that the Emperor would do nothing but in concert with his Ally the King of Spain. And his Catholick Majeſty having lately declared, That he cannot make Peace without the Reſtitution of Gibraltar; either he muſt recede from that Declaration, or we muſt expect a War: For there is no Likelihood of his getting Poſſeſſion by Force.

But there is a remarkable Piece of News, which (if true) looks plainly towards a War; I mean, what is contained in ſome Letters from Cadix, viz. That 22 Men of War and Fregats are fallen down behind the Puntals, in order to go upon a ſecret Expedition. Letters from Gibraltar of the 27th of April, mention the Continuance of exceſſive Winds and Rains, which had filled a great Part of the Trenches, and ruined ſome of the Works, ſo that little or no Progreſs was made in the Siege.

Cadix, April 22. The Engliſh Conſul and moſt of the Merchants of their Nation, are gone hence, as are alſo thoſe at Malaga, and ſeveral other Ports of Spain. 'Tis thought, in caſe of a formal Rupture, no Ships laden with Quickſilver will be ſent this Year to New Spain.

Vienna, May 7. We ſee here the following Liſt of Troops of the Allies of Hanover, which are to form a Camp upon the Trave, viz. 20,000 Hanoverians, 9000 Danes, 8000 Swedes, and 6000 Heſſians; in all 43,000.

From the St. James's Evening Poſt, May 18.

Gibraltar, April 27. The Torbay Man of War, which brought hither the Morocco Ambaſſador at the Britiſh Court, is gone to carry his Excellency to Tetuan. Some Advices from thence import, that Muley Ahmet Dabby has been acknowledged and proclaimed Emperor of Fez and Morocco, &c. But other Accounts ſay, that the whole Empire was ſtill in Confuſion, and that the Partizans of his Brethren, who every one of them aſpired alſo to the Regency, had put him to a cruel Death, &c.

London, May 18. The laſt Letters from Oporto ſay, that on the 29th paſt there were no Privateers then out from Gallicia; but that they had certain Advice, that Four would be ready to ſail in two Days Time, having received the King of Spain's Commiſſion: So that the Navigation of Engliſh Ships on that Coaſt will be rendred very hazardous without a Convoy.

From the Daily Journal, May 18.

Hague, May 22. We are told, if the Emperor's final Anſwer does not arrive this Week, this Delay will be taken by the Allies of Hanover, as wilfull Delays only to gain Time; and ſoon after our Forces, and thoſe of France, &c. will encamp.

Hanover, May 16. Altho' we are uncertain whether we ſhall have Peace or War, all the Troops of this Electorate have received Orders to be ready to take the Field in a Fourtnight. The Troopers have received Money to pay their Forage for three Months; 150 new Waggons are getting ready to carry the Warlike Ammunition; a great Train of Artillery is alſo preparing, and 60 new Cannoniers are to be inliſted Tomorrow.

Hamburg, May 20. They write from Peterſburg, of the 29th paſt, That the Troops deſigned for the Emperor's Service, had been ordered to repair to the Frontiers to wait the laſt Orders for marching, which are daily expected.

From the Flying Poſt, May 18.

Hague, May 23. N. S. The Court of Spain has received thoſe Indications of good Will towards us, we were lately diſtinguiſhed by; and has given us to underſtand, that it will be with much Reluctance, if they are obliged to act offenſively againſt their

their High Mightineſſes, with whom they are ſincerely deſirous of cultivating the moſt laſting Friendſhip; M. d'Oliver, who takes Care of the Affairs of Spain, has at the ſame Time in the moſt obliging Terms aſſured us in the Name of the King his Maſter, that the Subjects of this Republick, who trade or reſide in any Ports of Spain, ſhall not in any way be moleſted, unleſs the States commit an Act of Hoſtility againſt his Maſter or his Allies. Theſe Things have been received in a proper Manner, and the Compliment returned in ſuitable Terms: At the ſame Time 'tis evident, they have no other Influence upon their High Mightineſſes, or the Meaſures concerted here, than they ought to have, nor are they like to be truſted to more than they ſhould be.

Bologna, May 6. The Duke de Liria is arrived here, and lodges in the Houſe of the Chevalier de St. George, his Uncle.

From the Evening Poſt, May 18.

Rome, May 3. The Accounts we had, that the Pope had left Benevento and was returning hither, does not prove true: His Holineſs ſeems to be very unwilling to come from that beloved Place, and has ſent for 10,000 Crowns more out of our Bank; but there was not ſo much Caſh in it, ſo the Treaſurer ſent him 1500 Crowns of his own Money.

Warſaw, May 7. Letters from Turkey import That the Grand Viſier intends to go into Perſia at the Head of a numerous Army, vigorouſly to puſh on the War againſt the Uſurper Meriweys.

Paris, May 24. Among the Preſents ſent by the King of Portugal to the Infanta of Spain, is a Diamond purchas'd in England for 16000 Cruſadoes.

Parma, May 2. The Duke de Liria Ambaſſador of the King of Spain to the Court of Ruſſia, arrived here Yeſterday in the Afternoon, and ſent immediately to deſire our Duke to admit him to Audience by the back Stairs, becauſe being in a Travelling Habit, and in a great Hurry to proceed on his Journey, he would willingly avoid the Ceremonial, whereupon our Duke anſwered, that he thanked him, and that knowing his Excellency had not Mourning Cloaths with him, and was in great Haſte, he left it to his choiſe either to come to Court or ſtay away; which Anſwer was no ſooner delivered, but he departed that very ſame Evening for Bologna.

Vienna, May 10. Here is handed about a Pamphlet, under the Title of *Remarks on the Conduct of the Crown of France, in the preſent Juncture*, which contains many odious Reflections, inſinuating among other Things, that the ſame Crown aims at nothing but ſowing Diviſions in the Empire, in order to obtain the Imperial Throne, if his Imperial Majeſty ſhould die without Male Iſſue, &c. The Duke de Richlieu, Ambaſſador of France has complained about it to the Court, and offers a conſiderable Reward for any one who ſhall diſcover the Author.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, May 20.

Since our laſt arrived the Mails from Holland and Flanders;

BUT the Advices by them gave no Account that the Emperor has accepted of the laſt eight Preliminary Articles; on the contrary 'tis intimated, as tho' he will make ſome Objections thereto. Mean Time are told that the King of Pruſſia has lately wrote a Letter to his Imperial Majeſty, earneſtly requeſting him to give the Hanover Allies the Satisfaction they demand, and thereby preſerve the Peace of Europe, before Matters were gone too far; for that in Caſe of Non Compliance, they were reſolved to defend their juſt Rights at the Hazard of all Events. This Letter, whatever Effect it may have upon the Emperor, muſt, to our great Satisfaction, remove thoſe Apprehenſions, which have been entertained of his Pruſſian Majeſty's entering into Engagements to the Prejudice of the Hanover Allies; whoſe great Preparations of War have been repreſented by the Imperial Miniſter to the Deputies of the Circle of Swaben, as Motives more than ſufficient for them to think betimes of their own Defence, telling them that they muſt not rely too much on the Reports that were ſpread of an Accommodation at England.

We hear his Majeſty's Departure for Hanover is fixt to the 4th next Month; That during his Abſence Sir Charles Willis is to command the Forces in England; That 12 Companies of the 2d Regiment of Foot Guards, commanded by the Earl of Scarborrow, are ordered to hold themſelves in readineſs to march at an Hours warning: That the Regiments of Horſe of Argile and Cobham, are ordered for Flanders, but this they give as a Report only. The Main Queſtion is, Whether we

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ſhould take it as a Declaration of War on the Part of the Emperor, if he does not intirely agree to the laſt Propoſals ſent him, without inſiſting upon any Alteration or Amendment? But to this he gene-ral Anſwer is, We ſhall not ſuffer our ſelves to be amuſed.

They work Night and Day at the Tower in getting ready the Train of Artillery, deſigned to be ſent with the Forces to Flanders if need be. The new Levies are carryed on with much Diligence, and the General Officers are preparing their Field Equipage. We hear a Loan is opened at the Exchequer on the Land Tax at 4 per Cent. Intereſt.

Colonel Stanhope had the Gold Key delivered to him Yeſterday, as Vice Chancellor of the Houſhold.

Major Onehay was this Day cloſs-confin'd in Newgate, and double-iron'd by order of the Government, from whence it is ſuppoſed he will ſhortly receive Sentence for Execution.

The Judges are to meet this Evening to conſider on this Queſtion, Whether Mr. Clifton, Son to Sir James Clifton, who killed a Watchmaker this Week, will be admitted to Bail, upon Verdict of the Coroner's Jury finding it Manſlaughter.

Fiſher, charg'd with the Murder of Mr. Darby, is not yet taken. It was a Miſtake in our laſt, that he made his Eſcape from Newgate with double Fetters on, he having none at all; for which Mr. Allan the Keeper had a ſevere Reprimand from Mr. Judge Forteſcue.

They write from Dublin of the 13th Inſt. that two more Women were committed to Kilmanham Goal for uttering falſe Coin; and divers more Inſtruments for Coining were found in their Cuſtody.

On the 16th Inſt. Brigadier Sutton had the Honour to accompany the Landgrave Heſſe-Caſſel, to receive 4 Battallions of Foot. And that Day he made a Promotion of General Officers.

S. S. Stock, 104. This is like to be a gaming Summer to the Jobbers.

From Miſt's Weekly Journal, May 20.

Our Letters from ſeveral Parts inſinuate, as if a Miniſter from the Emperor, and another from the King of Spain, would ſhortly appear with publick Characters in a certain Place, which would quite overturn all Hopes of a Peace.

They write from Vienna, that Prince Eugene's ſudden Departure from thence Incognito, has much leſſened the Hopes of a Peace. All People take upon them to judge of the Cauſe of this unexpected Step: Some ſay he is to return in a few Days; while others are of opinion, that he will be heard of firſt at Luxemburg, or thereabout, but that he will take a certain Court in his Way, to which he is charg'd with a Commiſſion of Importance.

London, May 20. Another Expreſs arrived on Thurſday, and 'twas ſaid brought the Emperor's Anſwer, which is not known; but was judged unſatisfactory, by reaſon Orders are ſent to the North Britiſh Fuziliers, about Strafford, to Col. Kirk's Regiment at Cheſter, and others, to put themſelves on their March; and Quarters are ordered for them in Kent and Surrey, to be near the Place of their Imbarkation.

From the Evening Poſt, May 20.

Vienna, May 14. The Differences between the Kings of Poland and Pruſſia are to be made up by the Interpoſition of the Emperor.

Edinburgh, May 25. We have an Account from Airth, 18 Miles Weſt from this Place, near to the Influx of the River Carron, of a very rare Piece of Antiquity found in the South-bank of Forth, viz. A Canoe of 36 Foot long, 4 Foot broad in the Middle, 4 Foot 4 Inches deep, 4 Inches thick in the Sides, all of one Piece of ſolid Oak, ſharp at the Stem, and ſquare at the Stern. The River's waſhing of the Banks, diſcovered a Part of her, ſhe was ordered to be dug up by Mr. Graham, Judge Admiral, Proprietor of the Place. What was diſcovered of her, was found to be above 15 Foot under Ground. 'Tis remarkable that ſhe is finely poliſhed, being perfectly ſmooth on the Out ſide and In-ſide; and the Wood of an extraordinary Hardneſs, and not one Knot in the whole.

T'other Night John Currie, who has been in Cuſtody theſe few Months paſt, being charg'd with counterfeiting the Bank-notes, ſtept out of the Tolbooth, dreſs'd Amazon-wiſe, and got clear off for above a Quarter of an Hour: But the Turnkey perceiving a Perſon walk in towards the Lady's-Steps, and not likely to return again, tho' the Paſſage that Way was ſhut up, being after 10 at Night, went in after his Lodger, brought him back to Priſon, where he now lies in Irons.

ADVERTISEMENTS.

**¶ There are ſome HOUSES and YARDS belonging to the Creditors of the deceaſt Mrs. Gordon, of Francis Gordon her Son, lying in the Eaſt-ſide of the

ſants, to be Rouped and Sold by Mr. Andrew Barclay Writer in Edinburgh, and Patrick Middleton Reſidenter there, Truſtees for ſaid Creditors, at John's Coffee-houſe Edinburgh, on the Twenty-ſecond Day of June next. The Progreſs, with the Conditions of Roup, are to be ſeen with ſaid Patrick Middleton, on each Monday and Tueſday, betwixt 9 & 12 in the Forenoon.

†‡† That there is to be expoſed to Sale by public Roup upon Wedneſday the SEVENTH Day of June next, in the Houſe of James Fullarton Vintner in Edinburgh, 'twixt 3 and 4 in the Afternoon, a LODGING of the Back Land of the Writers Court, firſt Door below the Signet office; conſiſting of Five Fire-rooms, Kitchen, Garret, Cellar, and other Conveniencies, moſtly well finiſhed. The Rental and Progreſs of Writs, may be ſeen in the Hands of Archibald Tod Writer in Edinburgh, at his Writing chamber entring from the Parliament-Cloſs near the new Inſurance-Office.

[§] There is to be ſette in Tack (for more or leſs Years as ſhall be agreed on) by publick voluntar Roup, on the 6th Day of July next, in the Houſe of Daniel Montgomery Poſtmaſter in Glaſgow, 'twixt the Hours of 10 & 12 Forenoon, the Lands of GELSTON, in the Pariſh of Cardroſs and Sheriffdom of Dumbarton, 13 Miles from Glaſgow, and 3 from Dumbarton, belonging to the deceaſt John Buntine; with the Mannor-place 3 Storey high, containing 4 large Fire-rooms, a Kitchen, Cellar and Garret, Kiln, Malt & Corn-barns, Stables and all other neceſſary Office-houſes, with a Garden and Orchyard, 116 Acres of arable Land, Paſturage, and ſeveral Houſes for ſmall Tenants, a large Publick Houſe, with all Office-houſes and two Yards, likewiſe the Fiſhing on the River Clyde belonging to ſaid Lands. The Conditions to be ſeen in the Hands of ſaid Daniel Montgomery, and in the Hands of Charles Menzies Writer to the Signet, at his Chamber in the Parliament-Cloſs. The Entry to be at Martinmaſs 1717.

†§† That there is to be ſold at a reaſonable Price, a fine HOUSE and GARDEN in the Town of Dundee, belonging to Sir George Stuart of Grantully: The Houſe is Four ſtorey high, the Ground-ſtorey conſiſting of Five vaulted Cellars, a large Kitchen, Brewhouſe, Bakehouſe, Coal-houſe, Coach houſe, and a large Stable neatly Box'd, ſufficient for 20 Horſes; with a Hay-loft and a Room for Servants, and a Draw-Well, all within the Stable. The 2d Storey conſiſts of Outter-room, Dining-room, Drawing-room, 2 Bedchambers and Cloſets, all completely Wainſcotted. The 3d, of Dining-room, Drawing-room, three Bed-chambers and 2 Cloſets. And the 4th, of Garrets, Laundry and Cloſets. N. B. The Houſe and Garden are finely ſituate upon the Brink of the River Tay. Whoever inclines to purchaſe the ſame, may ſpeak either with Sir George Stuart at his Houſe of Murthly, near Perth, or Mr. Patrick Crichton Brother to the Laird of Ruthven, to be found in Dundee, or Archbald Stuart Writer to the Signet at Edinburgh, in whoſe Hands the Progreſs of Rights is to be ſeen.

By Order of the MAGISTRATES *of this City.*

His Majeſty's PLATE of One Hundred Guineas will be run for on Monday the Twenty ſixth of June next, by any Horſe, Mare or Gelding that's no more than Six Years this Graſs, to be certified under the Hands of the Breeder, or ſome Perſons of Credit; carrying 12 Stone Engliſh, Saddle and Bridle included; the beſt of Three Heats. All the Horſes to run muſt be book'd with the Clerk of Leith the Saturday before.—— And on Tueſday the Twenty ſeventh of June next, the City of Edinburgh's PLATE of Fifty Pounds Value, will be run for on ſaid Sands, by any Horſe, Mare or Gelding carrying Ten Stone Engliſh, Saddle and Bridle included, the beſt of Three Heats. The Horſes which are to run, being Four at leaſt, muſt be at Leith Ten Days before, and book'd with the Clerk on Monday Forenoon before, paying two Guineas each at Booking.—— And on Wedneſday Twenty eighth, a PLATE of Thirty Pounds will be run for on ſaid Sands, upon ſame Conditions with the City Plate. The Clerk of Leith will ſhow the Articles at large betwixt and the Races, being as uſual. N. B. After each Race, there will be ſmall Prizes run for. The Horſes to be kept in ſuch Houſes in Leith as did contribute for the laſt Plate.

†§‡ That the Adventurers in the BANK OF SCOTLAND, in a General Meeting held the 31 inſt. did unanimouſly agree to raiſe a Tenth Part of their Capital Stock, and did order the ſame to be paid in to their Treaſurer on or before the 15th Day of June next: With Certification of Forfeiture, as contained in the Act of Parliament erecting the Bank.

¶‡¶ That there are ſeveral freſh Coach-mares, ſome with Colts or Fillies at their Feet, begot by the Daniſh Horſe HAMLET, belonging to the Earl of Haddington, to be ſeen and ſold by Robert Hog at Tynningham.

¶‡¶ The following Lands, Tenements and others, which belonged to the deceaſt Daniel Simſon Writer to the Signet, are to be expoſed to Sale before the Rt. Honourable the Lords of Council and Seſſion, within the Parliament-houſe in Edinburgh, upon the Tenth Day of July next, betwixt the Hours of 2 & 3 after Noon. The Lands lying diſcontiguous, are to be expoſed ſeparately, in the following Manner, viz.

The haill Lands, Tenements and others which belonged to the ſaid deceaſt Daniel Simſon lying in and about the Burgh of Fortroſe in the Shire of Roſs, by themſelves.

The Lands of the Hill of Sydaſterf, in the Shire of Eaſt-Lothian, by themſelves.

A Tenement near the Nether bow in Edinburgh, by itſelf.

The Rental of the Lands, Progreſs of the Writs, and Articles of Roup, are to be ſeen in the Hands of Alexander Findlayſon Clerk to the Proceſs.

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